Limited (IREL) at its Chavara Plant. In the second phase, a mining, mineral separation and an ilmenite value addition plant based on the mining areas of Blocks 6 and 8 of the Neendakara-Kayamkulam belt of Kollam District, is envisaged. Also a Green-field Titanium Complex starting from mining and upto titanium sponge is proposed to be setup.

Production of Saleable Steel

5245. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state

(a) what was the saleable steel production of plants under the Steel Authority of India Ltd. during the year 2001-02 and production of the same expected in the year 2002-03;

(b) when SAIL is expected to achieve break even stage; and

(c) the steps being taken to boost the production by SAIL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY) : (a) The production of saleable steel by Steel Authority of India Limited during 2001-02 and 2002-03 are as under :

(Unit '000 t)

Plant/Unit	2001-02	2002-03
Bhilai Steel Plant	3383	3616
Durgapur Steel Plant	1527	1585
Rourkela Steel Plant	1354	1526
Bokaro Steel Plant	3200	3360
Alloy Steels Plant	84	99
Salem Steel Plant	63	83
Visvesvaraya Iron & Steel Plant	87	84
SAIL	9697	10353

(b) If the present market trend continues, and with continuous improvement in production, sales and techno-economic performance SAIL is expected to break even soon.

(c) Some of the steps being taken by SAIL to boost production are :

(i) Ensuring adequate quantity and quality of inputs.

(ii) Improving equipment utilisation.

(iii) Aggressive marketing strategy to increase sales.